चिकित्सा और रसायन-चिकित्सा की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं। तथापि, उपचार की विकिरण चिकित्सीय सुविधाएं लगभग 58 सरकारी संस्थाओं में उपलब्ध हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुदान प्राप्त करने वाले 10 क्षेत्रीय कैंसर केन्द्र हैं जो कैंसर की आधुनिक नैदानिक और उपचारी सुविधाएं प्रदान करते हैं। इन केन्द्रों में 1657 बिस्तर हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उन क्षेत्रों के सरकारी मेडिकल कालेजों/अस्पतालों के आन्कोलॉजी स्कंधों के विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देने के लिए आठवीं योजना के दौरान एक स्कीम शुरू की है जिनमें इस समय कैंसर उपचार की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

Iyer Committee report on Department of Revenue

218. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the S. V. Iyer Committee on Department of Revenue has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) There is no S. V. Iyer Committee on Department of Revenue.

In 1978, a Study Group was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri M. R. Yardi, ICS(Retd.) to review the working of the Enforcement agencies of the Department of Revenue. In 1990, group of officers under the Chairmanship of Shri S. V. Iyer was asked to examine the recommendations of the Yardi Study Group considered relevant in the present context, and suggest appropriate follow up action. The group of officers has reported that of the 211 recommendations of the Yardi Study group, 25 are in the nature of general observations, and action has already been taken on 133. It has suggested acceptance of 21 recommendations and non-acceptance of 32.

This is an internal exercise to which there is no Government reaction.

Failure of Coffee Board to finalise sale of coffee to Soviet Union

219. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the "Times of India" of the 9th January, 1991 regarding the failure of the Coffee Board to finalise the offer of Soviet Union to buy 50,000 tons of coffee; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the "Times of India" dated 9th January, 1991. The details in this regard are:—

(i) There was no scuttling of the contracts for exports of coffee to the Soviet Union for the current calendar year and, therefore, the question of losing any foreign exchange does not arise.

(ii) No Russian deligation visited the Coffee Board for the purpose of signing the contracts for export of coffee to the USSR. Only the local representative of M/s. So juzplodo import, Moscow, the byers of coffee from the Coffee Board in Moscow, who is based at Madras, had made a routine visit to the Coffee Board on 4-1-91 to hold discussion with the Chief Coffee Marketing Officer of the Coffee Board.

(iii) Subsequently, the Coffee Board had signed a contract for export of 30,000 tons of firm quantity and 10,000 tons of optional quantities of raw coffee, besides 4,000 tons of instant coffee for export to USSR in the last week of January, 1991.